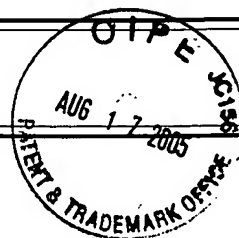


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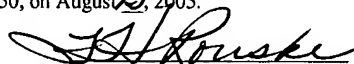


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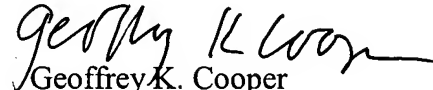
This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005 concerning the
above-identified patent application, in which division and species election requirements
were imposed by the Examiner.

In regard to the division requirement, Applicant elects group I, i.e., claims 1-8,
10-14, and 21.

The elections of species are relevant only to the non-elected claims 16, 17, 18, 19,
and 20. If the division requirement is withdrawn but claim 15 is finally held not to be
allowable, Applicant elects the species of stonelike object being a component of a

retaining wall (claims 18-20) and the species of the base of the support structure being installed on ground (claim 19).

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